

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 6, 11, 16, and 18 have been amended. Claims 21-32 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-20 are now presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection,***Rzeszewski et al.***

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rzeszewski et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,699,125 ("Rzeszewski"). In the Response to Arguments the examiner suggest that the disclosed video distribution system in Rzeszewski clearly allows the user to define a channel list and access channels, which, by their very nature stem from different broadcast sources. However, in Rzeszewski the channels all come from the same source, a television tuner. While the reference mentions other sources none are suggested for inclusion in any channel lists. It is not inherent that channels stem from different sources. On the contrary, a source may have one or many channels (see application page 6, lines 5-9). In order to further clarify this distinction, claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 are amended to further recite, "each source providing at least one channel using a different transport medium from another source."

Claims 21-32 are cancelled.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

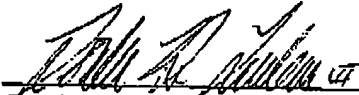
Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Insertions are underlined, deletions are stricken.

1. (Amended) A computerized method comprising:

accessing a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of channels from a plurality of different sources, each source providing at least one channel using a different transport medium from another source; and

selecting one of the plurality of identified channels for provision to a user.

6. (Amended) An article comprising:

a storage medium; and

the storage medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that, when executed by a processor, result in accessing a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of identified channels from a plurality of different sources, each source providing at least one channel using a different transport medium from another source, and

selecting one of the plurality of channels for provision to a user.

11. (Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a storage device to store a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of channels from a plurality of different sources, each source providing at least one channel using a different transport medium from another source; and

a channel selection controller, coupled to the storage device, to access the user-definable preferences list and select one of the plurality of identified channels for provision to a user.

16. (Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for storing a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of channels from a plurality of different sources, each source providing at least one channel using a different transport medium from another source; and
means, coupled to the storage device, for accessing the user-definable preferences list and selecting one of the plurality of identified channels for provision to a user.

18. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the means for accessing and selecting includes:

means for accessing, to determine a component corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified channels, a programming guide database that is independent of the user-definable preferences list; and

means for sending ~~send~~ a signal to the component to provide the selected channel.

21-32. (Cancelled)